

REMARKS

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- o THANKS TO SAM THEIR AND THE COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU BRIEFLY ON THE SUBJECT OF AIDS.
- o THE AIDS EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN ME THE FULL POTENTIAL OF COOPERATIVE VENTURES BETWEEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND THE IOM.
- o THE INTERESTING THING ABOUT IT IS THAT YOU FINANCED "CONFRONTING AIDS" YOURSELF. THAT IS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.
- o SERIOUSLY, THE COMBINATION OF THE IOM REPORT ON AIDS AND THE SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT ON AIDS HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON GETTING AIDS OUT INTO THE OPEN SO THAT IT COULD BE DISCUSSED FRANKLY WITH THE FULL FORCE OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL COMMUNITY BEHIND IT.

- o SINCE THAT TIME DR. BALTIMORE, DR. WOLFF AND I HAVE BECOME T.V. STARS AND HAVE BROUGHT THE AIDS MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE VIA A VERY SUPPORTIVE MEDIA.
- o THAT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MY OFFICE AND THE IOM.
- o IN THE REPORT IOM CALLED FOR LARGE GROWTH IN FEDERAL RESEARCH SUPPORT TO PREVENT HIV INFECTION AND TO TREAT THE DISEASES CAUSED BY IT. YOU ALSO CALLED FOR MAJOR PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

- o IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW EXACTLY HOW GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS ACT IMPACT AIDS FUNDING. CURRENTLY IT LOOKS LIKE AN 8 1/2% DECREASE ACROSS THE BOARD TO FIND AT LEAST \$23 BILLION TO CUT GOVERNMENT WIDE.
- o HOWEVER, THE "ECONOMIC SUMMIT" COULD CUT UP TO \$30 BILLION IN A LESS EVEN FASHION.
- o THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT CURRENT PROPOSALS FOR AIDS RESEARCH AND PREVENTION ARE HIGH ENOUGH THAT GRAMM-RUDMAN WILL NOT SUBSTANTIALLY ALTER OUR COURSE. UNLESS THE
 IF FREEZE MECHANISM IS USED
 THAT APPROACH WOULD BE A
 DISASTER TO EXPANDING PROGRAMS
 LIKE AIDS.

- o FOR FY 1988 - THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FOR AIDS (LESS FDA) IS \$791 MILLION, THE HOUSE MARK IS \$970 MILLION AND THE SENATE \$1 BILLION.
- o THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS AN INCREASE OVER 1987 OF \$200 MILLION FOR RESEARCH AND \$120 MILLION FOR EDUCATION AND INFORMATION.
- o THE HOUSE AND SENATE MARKS ARE \$77 MILLION AND \$88 MILLION MORE FOR RESEARCH RESPECTIVELY.
- o IT IS VERY VERY CLEAR THAT WE HAVE THE FINANCIAL BACKING WE NEED.

- o OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ADMINISTRATORS OF RESEARCH PROGRAMS IS TO INSURE THE BEST USE OF THESE FUNDS AND FUND ONLY QUALITY RESEARCH.
- o I FIND THAT MOST OF MY TIME IS TAKEN UP BY AIDS AND THAT GIVES ME SOME CONCERNS GIVEN ITS RELATIVE IMPORTANCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH.
- o FOR EXAMPLE AIDS HAS CLAIMED ABOUT 26,000 LIVES SINCE 1981. CIGARETTE SMOKING WILL CLAIM OVER 330,000 LIVES THIS YEAR ALONE.

- o IT IS UP TO US AS PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS TO TAKE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND FUNDING AND APPLY THEM MORE BROADLY TO THE WHOLE AREA OF PREVENTION.
- o WE MUST ENCOURAGE BASIC RESEARCH IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND HOW TO INFLUENCE IT, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF RISK AND ASSESSMENT OF RELATIVE RISK.
- o JUST AS AIDS BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CAN EXPAND OUR KNOWLEDGE OF VIROLOGY, AIDS SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CAN EXPAND OUR KNOWLEDGE ON HOW TO REDUCE PREVENTABLE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY.
- o THE PUBLIC IS REALLY BEHIND US ON THIS ONE. WE MUSTN'T LET THEM DOWN.